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1. Halle (D92): On 11 April 1947 a military train arrived in Halle from an easterly direction. It was loaded with five reconnaissance cars, twenty-one tanks, and crews for these vehicles. Upon arrival in the town, the crews manned their vehicles and drove off toward the airfield.

2. The tanks which were on the train are described by source as follows: Rotating turrets, length of gun barrel approximately 2½ meters, eight wheels to a side. White identification [redacted] plus a white star with a red interior, were observed on the turrets. 25X1 25X1

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3. At 1100 hours on 12 April 1947 another train arrived in Halle from the east. The train was unloaded in the freight yard and then continued its journey in the direction of Magdeburg that afternoon. Its load consisted of eight American trucks, four American passenger cars, two carloads of horses, and six carloads of personnel.

4. At 0930 hours on 19 April 1947 a convoy of sixteen American-type trucks, each towing a gun, left Halle in the direction of Berlin. The guns had pneumatic tires, gun shields, a barrel two meters in length with no muzzle brake, and one recoil cylinder in front of the shield and below the barrel.

5. On 26 April 1947, two tanks were seen driving through Halle in the direction of the airfield. One had fourteen wheels, a rotating turret, and a gun approximately 2½ meters long and equipped with a muzzle brake. The same day, two further tanks were observed heading toward the airfield. The first which was the same type as the one described above, carried [redacted] The second had twenty-two wheels (including twelve bogies), a rotating turret, and a gun with a muzzle brake, barrel length three meters. 25X1 25X1

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6. Potsdam (Z63): On about 20 May 1947 a freight train proceeded eastwards from Potsdam loaded with engineering equipment. Included on the train were fifteen trucks [redacted]. Heavy trucks with large pontoons were also on the train. The accompanying troops were black collar-patches. 25X1 25X1

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